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Remarks/Arguments

Applicants elect the invention of Group I and the Species E of Figs. 12-19. Figs. 5, 6, 10 and 11 are also applicable to this embodiment. The following claims are readable on the elected Group and the elected Species: 1-30.

Applicant agree with the Examiner that the method of use claims (claims 8-10 and 28-30) that depend from claims to the elected apparatus should be grouped in Group I and examined.

Applicants believe claim 26 reads on the elected invention because it is a "comprising" claim, indicating that the claimed apparatus may have other elements. Similarly, claims that add elements that are not specifically shown in Figs. 12-19, but are mentioned in the specification as preferred additional features (such as the features recited in claims 3-7, 12-20 and 22-23) also read on the elected invention.

Claims 1, 4 and 9 are amended for clarity. The scope of the amended claims is not reduced.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required during the entire pendency of this application to Deposit Account No. 500593.

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